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SUBJECT: UN FINANCING: ARRANGEMENTS FOR EIGHTH SPECIAL
SESSION OF UNGA ON UNIFIL FINANCING

1. DURING VISIT TO NEW YORK APRIL 6, REPORTED SEPTTEL,
IO/IBC DIRECTOR HENNES MET WITH AUSTRALIAN (HART), NEW
ZEALAND (HANNAH), NORWEGIAN (LINDSTROM) AND UK (STUART)
MISSION OFFICERS TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIFIL
FINANCING IN EIGHTH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. (OTHER
KEY WEO MEMBERS FIFTH COMMITTEE WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR
MEETING.) GROUP GENERALLY AGREED THAT KEY TO SUCCESSFUL,
MINIMALLY CONTROVERSIAL SESSION IS IDF WITHDRAWAL FROM
SOUTH LEBANON, SUBSTANTIALLY IF NOT COMPLETELY. THERE WAS
CONSENSUS THAT PARTICULAR EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO
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ENCOURAGE SOVIETS TO PARTICIPATE IN UNIFIL FINANCING.
SPECIFIC MODALITIES WERE NOT PROPOSED OR DISCUSSED ALTHOUGH
IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT LEBANESE AND, PARTICULARLY, SYRIAN
OVERTURES WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. WEOS, IT WAS AGREED,
SHOULD ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL
SESSION AND CLEARLY CONVEY DISINCLINATION TO ENGAGE IN
POLITICALLY MOTIVATED CONTROVERSY. CONCURRENTLY, WEO

MEMBERS SHOULD CONVEY EXPECTATION THAT UN MEMBERSHIP GENERALLY WILL SUPPORT UNIFIL FINANCIALLY. ALL IN ATTENDANCE AGREED THAT THE PEACE AND SECURITY SCALE, NOW USED TO APORTION COST OF UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING, SHOULD BE APPLIED TO UNIFIL AND FELT THERE SHOULD NOT BE SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN WINNING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SCALE SINCE IT APPORTIONS NO MORE THAN THREE PERCENT OF TOTAL COSTS AMONG APPROXIMATELY 122 MEMBERS OF THE UN. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT TREATING EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION AS TECHNICAL MEETING DEALING WITH NARROW FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO ORDERLY AND SATISFACTORY OUTCOME.

2. ALL PRESENT CONCURRED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL FOR CANADIANS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHEPERDING APPROTIONMENT RESOLUTION THROUGH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS THEY TRADITIONALLY HAVE IN ALL RECENT SESSIONS DEALING WITH PEACEKEEPING FINANCING. USUN HAS RAISED THIS WITH CANADIAN MISSION AT WORKING LEVEL, BUT HAS ENCOUNTERED A DISINCLINATION TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY. OTHER WEO DELEGATIONS HAVE GAINED A SIMILAR IMPRESSION OF RETICENCE AT WORKING LEVELS IN THE CANADIAN MISSION. USUN WILL MAKE A HIGHER LEVEL OVERTURE TO CANADIAN MISSION IN NEXT FEW DAYS, BUT A GENTLE FEELER IN OTTAWA PROBABLY WOULD BE HELPFUL ALSO. NO ONE IN NEW YORK BELIEVES THAT ANYTHING MORE SERIOUS THAN SPRING FEVER IS AFFLICTING OUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUE
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AT PRESENT. LATER APRIL 7, USUN LEARNED CANADIAN MISSION WILL CONVENE CAUCUS OF WEO FIFTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS EARLY WEEK OF APRIL 17, A SERVICE CMUN ALWAYS PERFORMS DURING REGULAR GA SESSIONS. LEONARD

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